

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-844
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ORDER EXTENDING DATE FOR FILING BRIEFS

(Issued November 4, 2002)

On January 31, 2002, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed a petition requesting that the Utilities Board (Board) issue a permit to construct, operate, and maintain a new natural gas pipeline. The Board assigned the petition to a presiding officer. The presiding officer conducted the proceedings as scheduled and subsequently issued a proposed decision and order granting the petition and permit to MidAmerican on September 25, 2002.

The proposed order granting petition and permit was appealed and by order issued October 28, 2002, the Board determined the issues to be decided on appeal. The Board established November 4, 2002, as the date briefs addressing the issues were to be filed.

On November 1, 2002, Harold Silver and Kenneth Silver (the Silvers) filed a motion to extend the briefing schedule to November 20, 2002. The Silvers indicate that they have obtained counsel and state that the size and complexity of the record

makes the filing of a brief on November 4, 2002, next to impossible. MidAmerican opposes any extension.

The Board finds that an extension of time to file briefs addressing the issues on appeal will be granted. The Board realizes that time is of the essence with regard to the construction of the pipeline and so will only grant an extension until November 12, 2002. The issues raised by the Silvers have been raised in the appeal and the additional week should be sufficient to prepare and file a brief on the Silver's issues.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The date for filing briefs addressing the issues to be decided by the Utilities Board on appeal is extended from November 4, 2002, to November 12, 2002.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 4th day of November, 2002.